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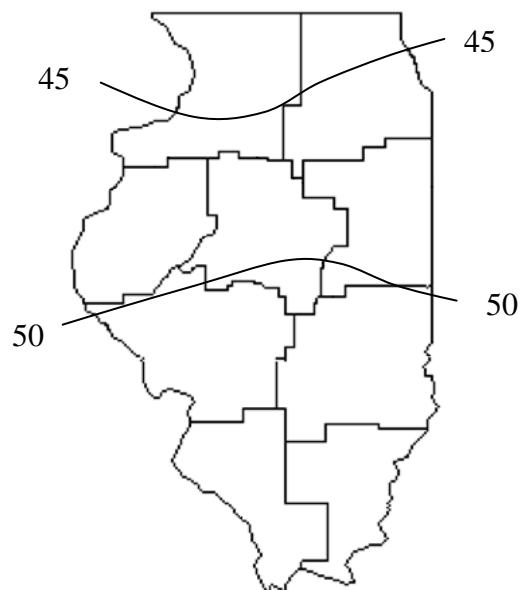
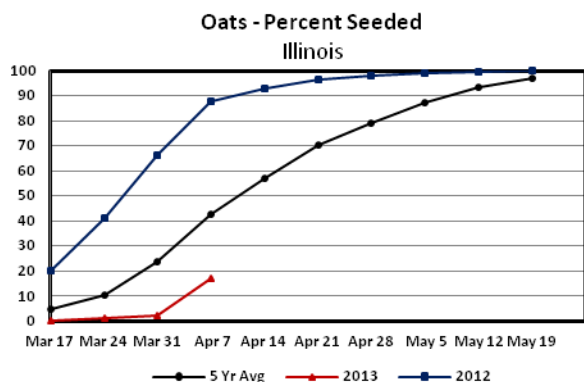
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Agricultural Summary

Cooler and drier than normal weather continued throughout the state last week with the average temperature being 3 degrees below normal. Statewide temperatures averaged 44.4 degrees. Total precipitation received across the state last week was .62 inches below normal and totaled only .04 of an inch with several areas receiving no precipitation. Farmers began more field work as topsoils began to dry. Scattered reports of corn being planted in the west southwest district were received but in the northern districts it was reported the frost was coming out of the ground and potatoes and oats were being planted. Oat planting progressed to 17 percent compared to the average of 43 percent. Days suitable for fieldwork last week across the state averaged 2.8 days with farmers busy applying anhydrous ammonia, dry fertilizers, spraying herbicides and working ground in preparation for corn planting once the soils warm up a few degrees. Topsoil moisture was rated at 1 percent very short, 6 percent short, 74 percent adequate, and 19 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture was rated at 7 percent very short, 22 percent short, 64 percent adequate, and 7 percent surplus. Winter wheat conditions were rated at 1 percent very poor, 4 percent poor, 23 percent fair, 62 percent good, and 10 percent excellent. Pasture conditions were rated at 1 percent very poor, 20 percent poor, 37 percent fair, 35 percent good, and 7 percent excellent.

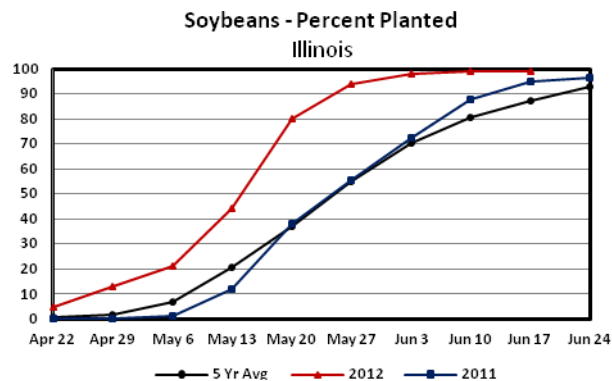
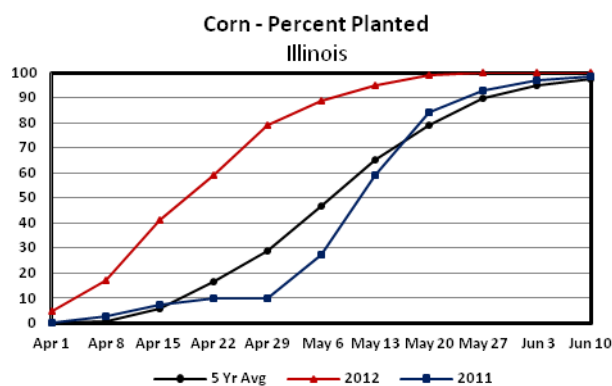
Crop Progress Percents

	This Week	Last Week	2012	5-Year Average
April 7				
OATS:				
Planted	17	2	88	43



Bare Soil 4-inch Temp (°F)
April 7, 10 a.m.

District	Days Suitable For Fieldwork	Topsoil				Subsoil			
		Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	April 1 - 7					April 7			
Northwest	1.7	-	5	68	27	16	43	39	2
Northeast	2.9	-	4	84	12	28	34	25	13
West	4.0	11	9	75	5	13	19	68	-
Central	2.9	-	3	78	19	-	4	83	13
East	2.1	1	9	90	-	6	9	85	-
W Southwest	2.8	-	9	63	28	-	33	63	4
E Southeast	3.6	-	6	76	18	-	16	75	9
Southwest	3.6	-	-	52	48	-	3	63	34
Southeast	2.4	-	-	65	35	-	6	93	1
State	2.8	1	6	74	19	7	22	64	7

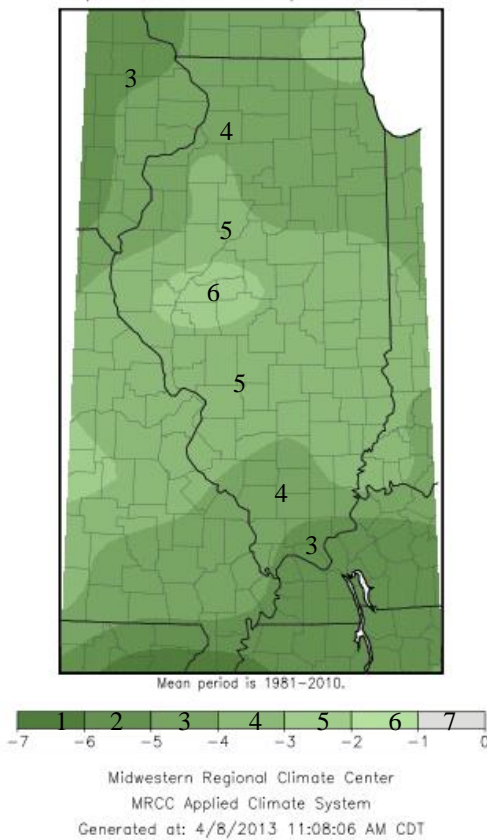


Crop Condition Percents					
Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	April 7				
Winter Wheat	1	4	23	62	10
Pasture	1	20	37	35	7

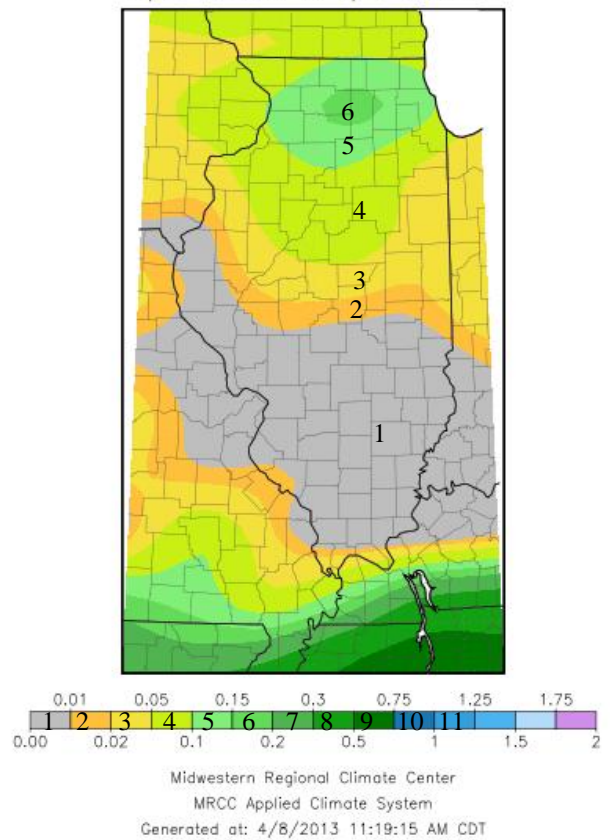
Weather Information Table

District	Temperature (°F)		Precipitation (in.)	
	Average	Departure	Total	Departure
April 1 - 7				
Northwest	40.7	-3.2	0.11	-0.48
Northeast	40.2	-3.5	0.12	-0.54
West	44.4	-2.9	0.02	-0.57
Central	43.7	-2.7	0.06	-0.57
East	43.1	-2.9	0.04	-0.66
W Southwest	46.4	-2.5	0.01	-0.58
E Southeast	46.3	-2.8	0.00	-0.73
Southwest	47.7	-3.5	0.01	-0.70
Southeast	48.0	-3.4	0.00	-0.77
State	44.4	-3.0	0.04	-0.62

Average Temperature (°F): Departure from Mean
April 1, 2013 to April 7, 2013



Accumulated Precipitation (in.)
April 1, 2013 to April 7, 2013



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